



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### Public Forum to be Held on Voting Method for 2021 Gaithersburg Election

**Gaithersburg, MD (December 7, 2020).** To gauge public preferences on voting methods in the 2021 Gaithersburg Municipal Election, the Board of Supervisors of Elections (BOSE) is inviting residents to participate in a Virtual Election Forum on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7 p.m. To participate and speak during the meeting register online at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/virtual](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/virtual). The meeting will also be televised on Comcast Channel 27 (viewable countywide) and on RCN Channel 13 and Verizon Channel 25 (viewable within City limits only) and will be livestreamed on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) @GburgMD. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to [cityelections@gaitHERSBURGMD.gov](mailto:cityelections@gaitHERSBURGMD.gov).

In addition to the public forum, the BOSE is conducting an Elections Survey that is available through 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 31. Extensive background materials on the various voting method options and possible cost implications are available on the City's website. Residents are encouraged to review the information prior to taking the survey as it may help advise responses. Click [here](#) to review the information and take the survey.

Gaithersburg voters will cast their ballots for Mayor and two at-large City Council members on November 2, 2021. Following the 2019 City Election, the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the body authorized by City Charter and Code to oversee all City Elections, held a Joint Work Session with the Mayor and City Council as part of a debrief process. The discussion focused on voter turnout issues and conducting fair and efficient elections. The consensus from that meeting was for the BOSE to explore mail-in voting options for the 2021 Elections. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the national 2020 General Election also has put a focus on considering options other than in-person voting.

For complete election information, please visit the City's website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov) or contact Elections Clerk Lauren Klingler in the Office of the City Attorney at 240-805-1087 or email [cityelections@gaitHERSBURGMD.gov](mailto:cityelections@gaitHERSBURGMD.gov).

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